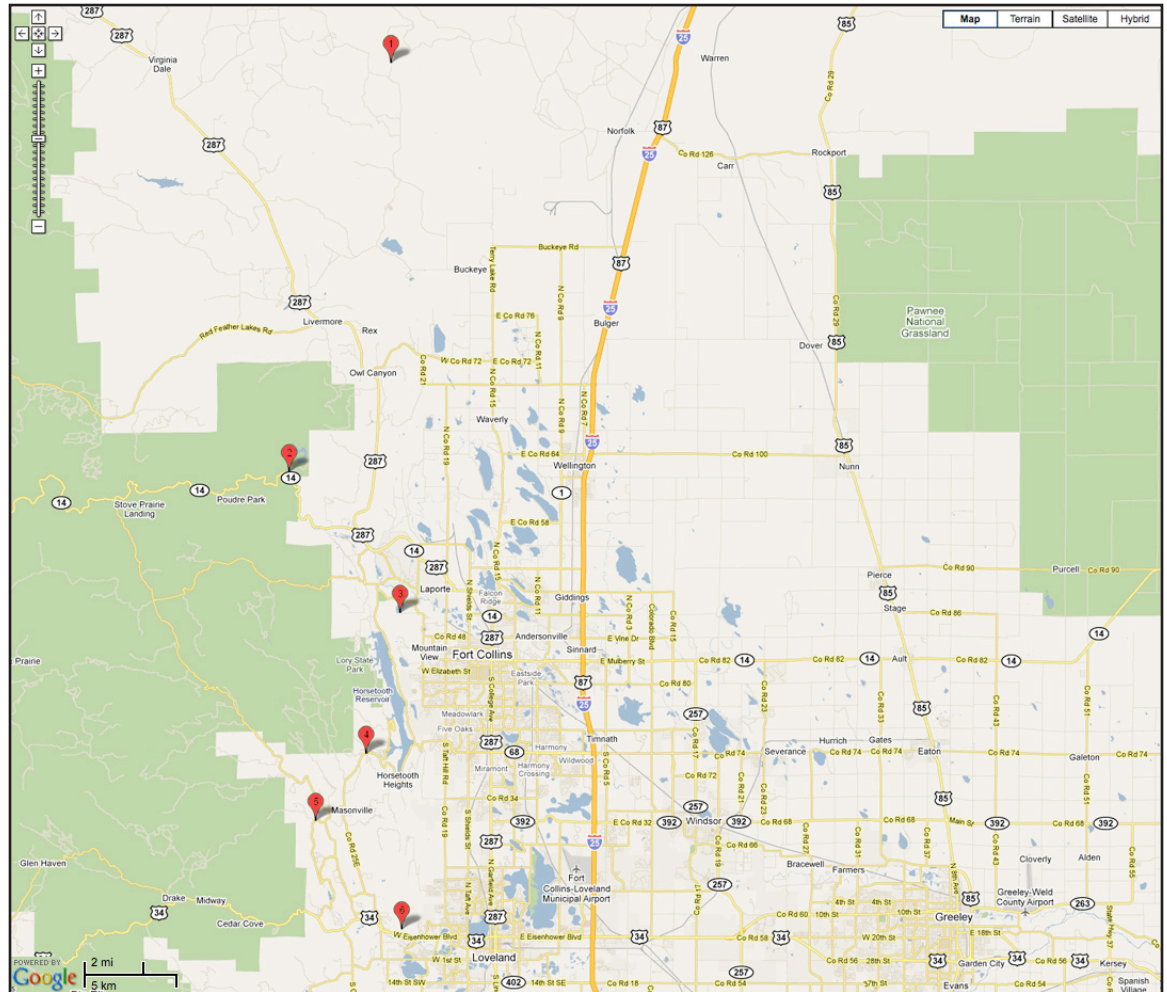




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Preparing for your trip

The stops on Tour 1 cover a lot of ground, from Red Mountain Open Space in the north to Devil's Backbone Open space to the south. Regardless of the time of year, weather can change quickly, so be prepared.

If you plan on exploring the hiking, biking, or horseback riding trails at any of these locations, be sure to bring adequate clothing, plenty of water, and trail maps. Bring your cameras, guide books, and binoculars for wildlife viewing.

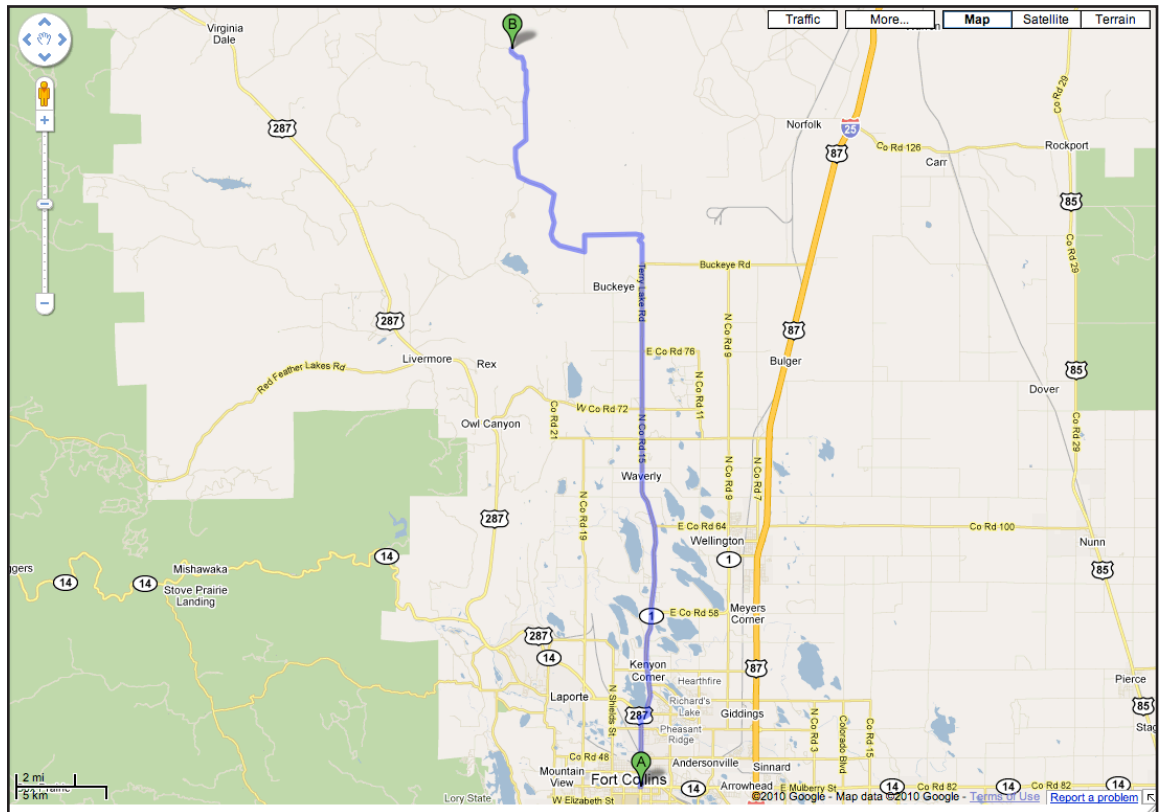
You'll find directions for each stop on the tour, along with an activities page, in the rest of this guide. Print it and bring it along on your journey.



Red Mountain Open Space

31.1 mi – starting at College Ave and Mulberry in Fort Collins

- Food: No
- Water: No
- Restrooms: Yes



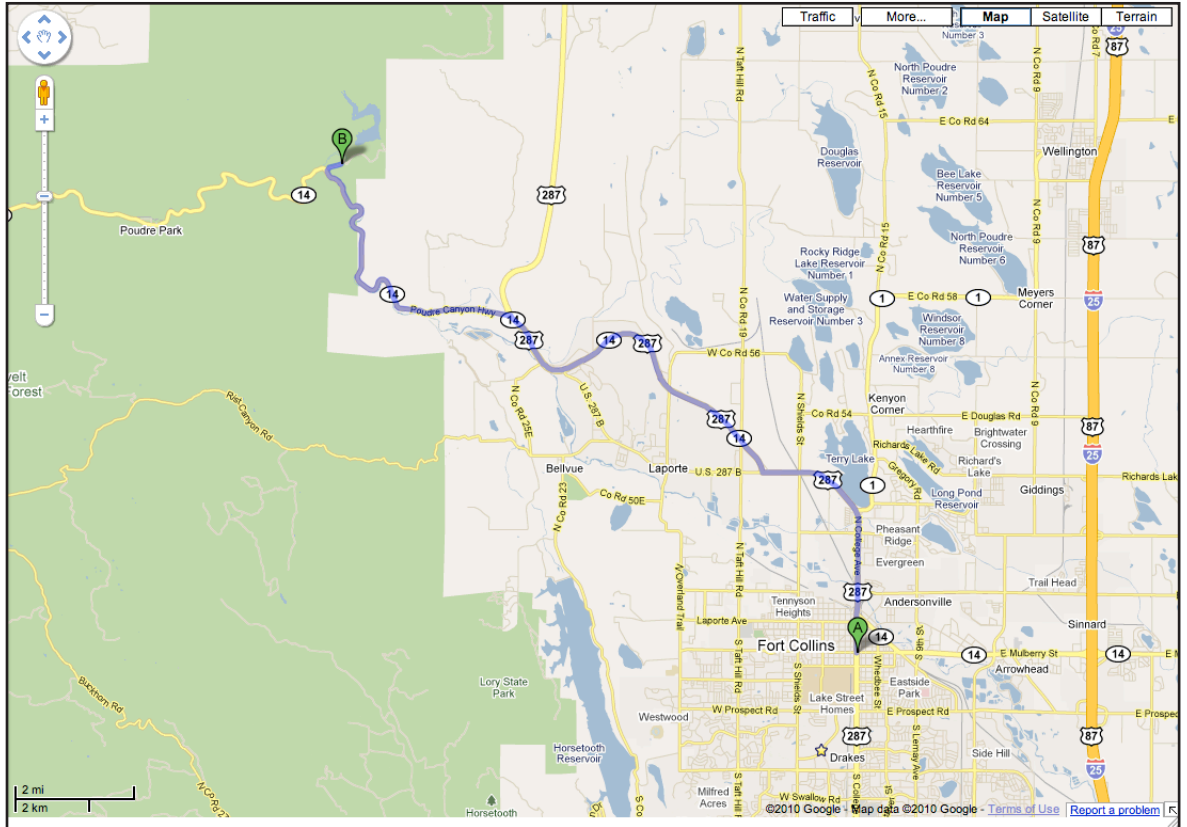
- Head north on College Ave/US 287 2.4 mi
- Turn right at CO 1 N/Terry Lake Rd 3.8 mi
- Turn left at N County Rd 15
Continue to follow N County Rd 15 13.3 mi
- Continue onto W County Rd 84 2.0 mi
- W County Rd 84 turns slightly left and becomes N County Rd 19 0.6 mi
- Turn right at County Rd 21 8.9 mi
- Slight right
Destination will be on the left 0.1 mi



Gateway Natural Area

16.0 mi – starting at College Ave and Mulberry in Fort Collins

- Food: No
- Water: Yes
- Restrooms: Yes

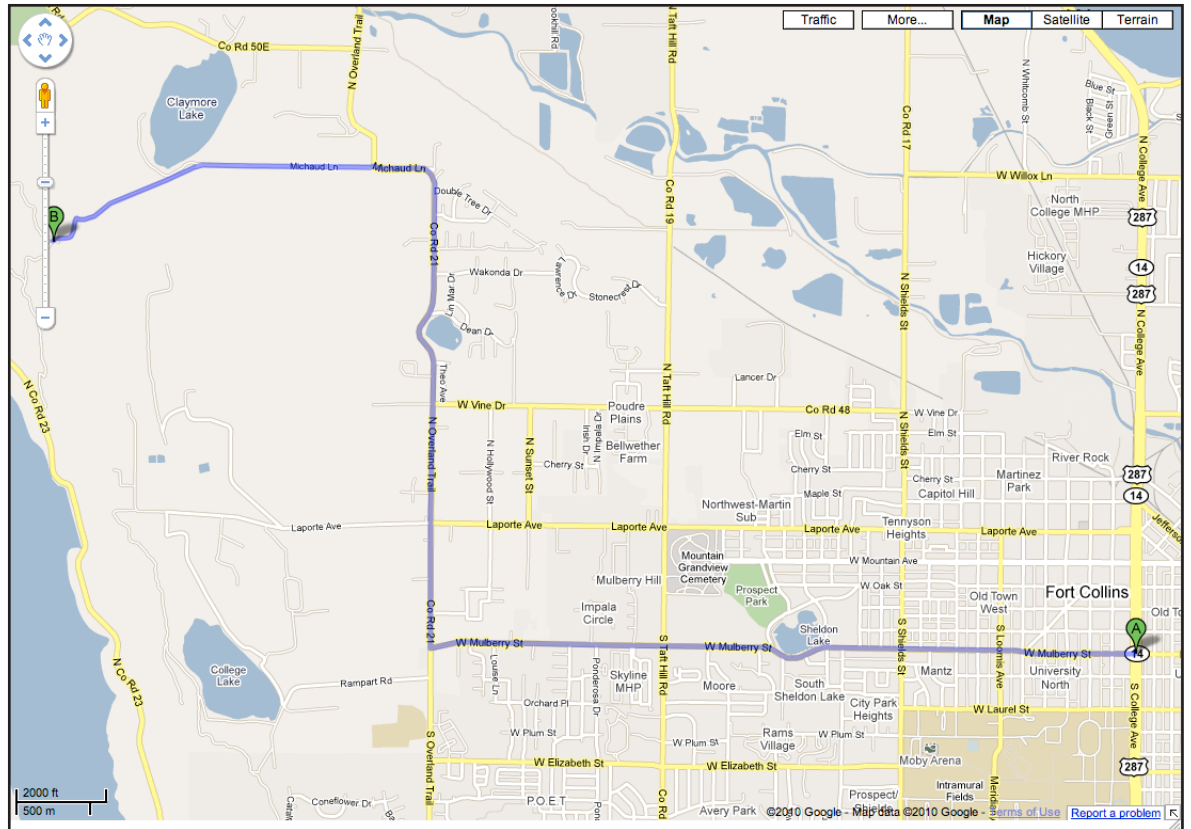


- Head north on College Ave/US 287 N 4.2 mi
- Continue to follow US 287 N
- Turn right at CO 14 W/US 287 N 6.1 mi
- Turn left at CO 14 W/Poudre Canyon Hwy 5.2 mi
- Slight right at Poudre Canyon Hwy/State Hwy 14 0.4 mi



Reservoir Ridge Natural Area 6.8 mi – starting at College Ave and Mulberry in Fort Collins

- Food: No
- Water: No
- Restrooms: Yes



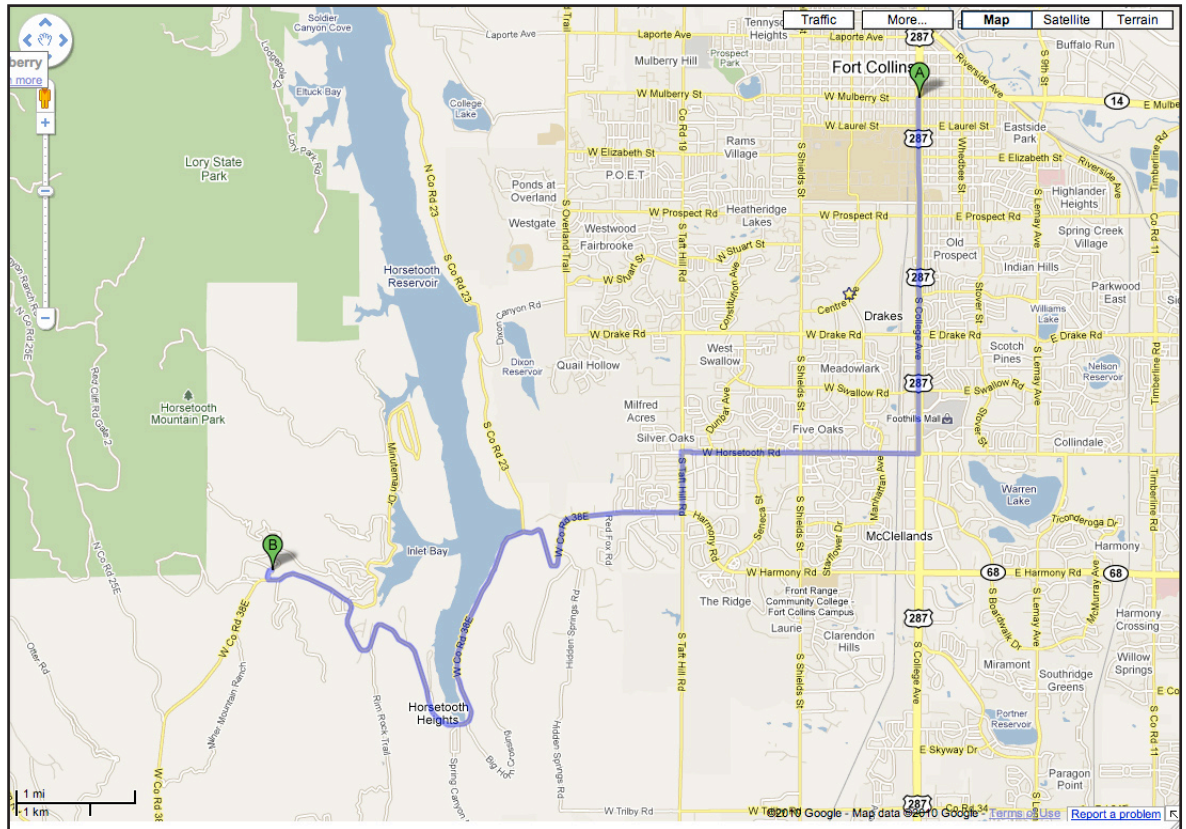
- Head west on Mulberry St 3.0 mi
- Continue to follow US 287 N
- Turn right at Overland Trail/County Rd 21 2.3 mi
- Turn left at W Co Rd 50/Michaud Ln 0.7 mi
- Slight left to stay on W Co Rd 50/Michaud Ln
- Destination will be on the right 0.7 mi



Horsetooth Mountain Open Space

12.0 mi – starting at College Ave and Mulberry in Fort Collins

- Food: No
- Water: Yes
- Restrooms: Yes

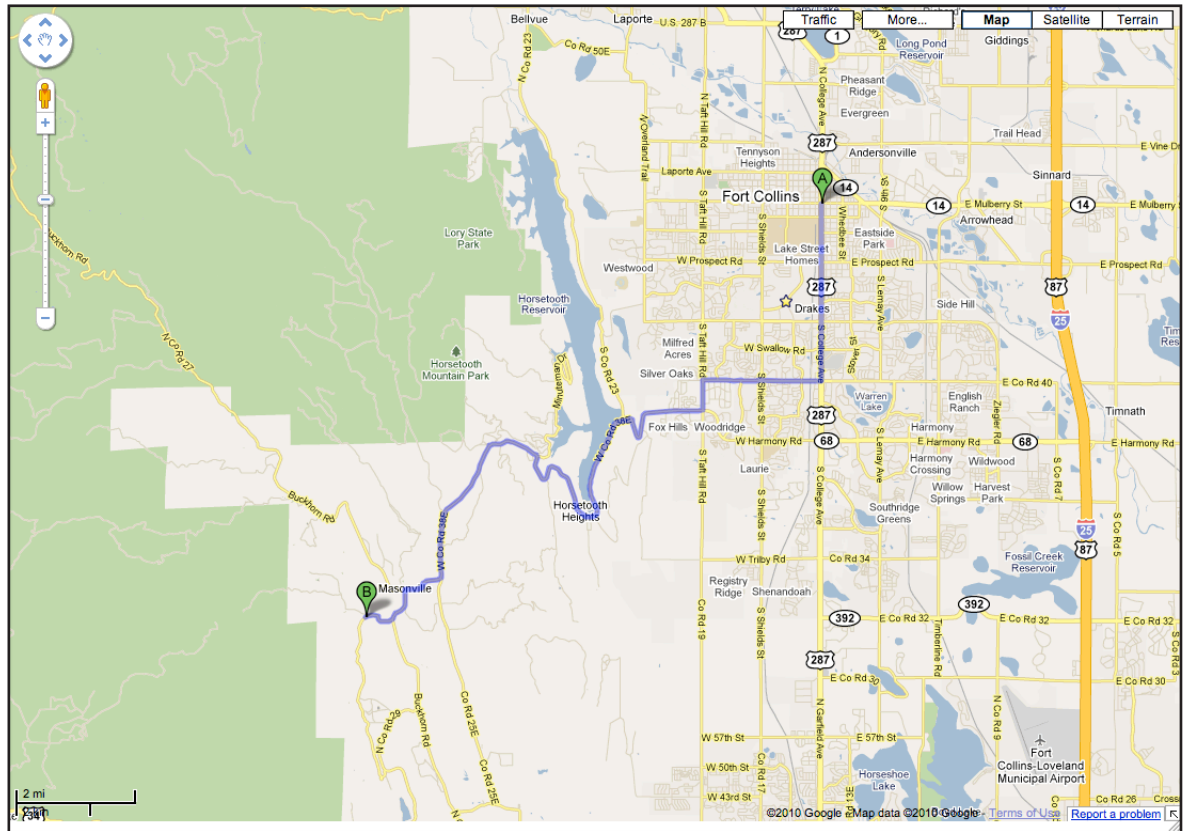


- Head south on College Ave 3.0 mi
- Turn right at W Horsetooth Rd 2.0 mi
- Turn left at Co Rd 19/S Taft Hill Rd 0.5 mi
- Turn right at W Co Rd 38E 6.5 mi
- Turn right at Red Cliff Rd 46 ft



Bobcat Ridge Natural Area 16.4 mi – starting at College Ave and Mulberry in Fort Collins

- Food: No
- Water: No
- Restrooms: Yes



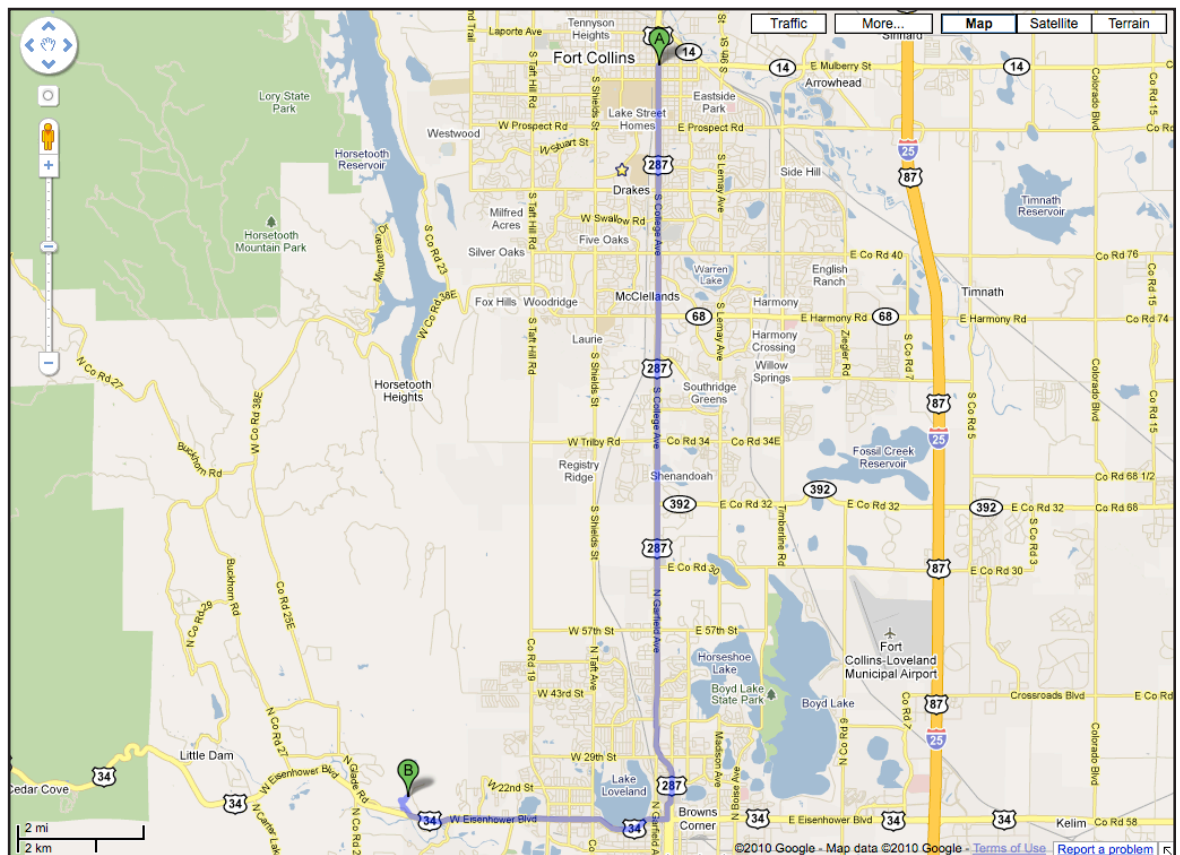
- Head south on College Ave 3.0 mi
- Turn right at W Horsetooth Rd 2.0 mi
- Turn left at Co Rd 19/S Taft Hill Rd 0.5 mi
- Turn right at W Co Rd 38E 9.8 mi
- Turn left at Buckhorn Rd/N Co Rd 27 0.6 mi
- Take the 1st right onto Co Rd 32C 0.5 mi
- Slight left
- Destination will be on the right 151 ft



Devil's Backbone Open Space

16.8 mi – starting at College Ave and Mulberry in Fort Collins

- Food: No
- Water: Yes
- Restrooms: Yes



- Drive south on College Ave/US 287 S 11.3 mi
- Continue straight onto N Lincoln Ave 0.6 mi
- Continue onto Cleveland Ave 0.3 mi
- Turn right at E Eisenhower Blvd/US 34 W 4.2 mi
- Slight right at Plaster Mill Rd 0.2 mi
- Take the 1st left onto W County Rd 22B/Wild Lane 141 ft
- Take the 1st right onto Peep O Day 0.1 mi
- Turn right 0.1 mi



Tour 1 Activity: the Foothills Block Puzzle

Use the clues on the next page to fill in the blanks and then use the letters in the boxes to discover the English translation for how the Arapaho referred to the foothills area as they traveled south from today's Colorado & Wyoming border to the Big Thompson River.

1. _____
2. ___
3. _____ _____
4. ___ _____
5. ___ _____
6. _____
7. _____ , _____ _____
8. _____ _____
9. _____ _____
10. _____ _____
11. _____ _____



Tour 1 Activity: the Foothills Block Puzzle (Clues & Answers)

Clues

1. The name of people who work with cattle.
2. For generations, the foothills were a part of these American Indians' migratory route.
3. He discovered gypsum, grew fruit trees, and built a mill and a brick firing-kiln.
4. Besides trading, many French-Canadians also did this kind of work.
5. Sarah Milner Smith, her father, and her husband all did this in order to have land in Colorado.
6. The geologic period of in which the Rocky Mountains were formed and T-Rex lived.
7. The unique Dakota Sandstone trail head for one of Larimer County's popular Open Spaces.
8. The Natural Area named after a member of the cat family.
9. A geological phenomenon created by millions of years of uplift, folding, and erosion.
10. Name of the Foothills Mountains to Plains Project.
11. The school house located on the Maxwell Ranch.

Answers

Devil's Backbone	Homesteaded Ranchers	Laramie	Bobcat Ridge		
Alfred Wild	Boxelder	Trapping	Big Hole	Cretaceous	Ute

Arapaho translation for the foothills area: _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _